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OVERVIEW

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers is available to **161,828*** secondary students in **180** secondary schools within **16** Tarrant County school districts. This program allows students to provide anonymous tips that will aid the school administration and local law enforcement in solving crimes. The students in Tarrant County receive a monetary reward ranging from \$10 - \$1,000 if the tip proves instrumental in solving the crime. Campus Crime Stoppers promotes school spirit, pride and responsibility and allows students to take action against victimization and crime in their school.

The 2010-2011 school year was the fifth year for the new program and the fifth year of operation for the Tarrant County Crime Stoppers Call Center. Crime Stoppers announced the new Friends for Life program this year and also continued the Gun & Gang Busters bonus reward program. To promote the program, the Crime Stoppers civilian and officer coordinators held **3** meetings with district administrators across Tarrant County and distributed **2,355** posters, **420** magnets, and **15,810** cards.

Overall, the Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers program received **666** tips resulting in **145** arrests, **119** students administratively disciplined, **267** cases cleared, **\$3,700** in drugs seized, **\$14,112** in recovered property and **7** weapons seized. Total program participation countywide is up **6%** from last school year.

THE CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM

Safe City Commission launched the rejuvenated and streamlined Campus Crime Stoppers program during the 2006-2007 school year. Several program changes were implemented in order to ensure that the anonymity of each student is held at the utmost importance. Students may now report information on crimes that occurred on a campus within Tarrant County to the Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers hotline, submit tips online or via text message, or provide tip information via anonymous live web chat.

On April 17, 2006, Safe City Commission opened the first Crime Stoppers Call Center in Tarrant County. Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers serves all Tarrant County municipalities and school districts. The Call Center is staffed seven days a week, from 7:00 am – midnight, by area off-duty public safety dispatchers and police personnel. Call takers are responsible for coordinating the tips and ensuring that the information is disseminated to

* Based on National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, CCD Public school data 2009-2010 school year.

the proper school contact in a timely manner. There is no Caller ID, calls are not recorded, and call takers do not ask for any personal information in order to maintain the student's anonymity. Students may report tips to the hotline - **817-469-TIPS (8477)** - before, during, or after school. If a student would like to report a Crime Stoppers tip during school hours, it has been suggested that school administrators and officers provide the student with a private setting (i.e. office, library, etc) to call the hotline or send a web tip.

The ability to receive Crime Stoppers tips online is another feature of the Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers program. Students may go to www.469tips.com and click on "Submit a Campus Tip." The student will then be instructed to answer detailed questions about the crime that occurred and any potential suspects. When the student is finished, the tip will be submitted to the Crime Stoppers database and passed on to the proper authority. No email address is required to submit a tip and the IP address of the computer is not recorded in order to maintain the student's anonymity. Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a total of **191** web tips in this school year, doubling web tip activity from last year.

Since money often provides a great incentive for reporting information, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers pays reward amounts that range from **\$10-\$1,000** and in **68** categories of offenses. During the 2010-2011 school year, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers paid **208** rewards valued at **\$13,480** for a variety of offenses including drugs, theft, vandalism, assault, graffiti, arson, tobacco, and weapon possession. Students pick up all Campus Crime Stoppers rewards from one of **seventeen (17)** pre-selected Chase Bank branches across Tarrant County. Safe City Commission requires all tips to be picked up from a bank to further protect the student's anonymity and to maintain fiscal control over the reward funds.

Students do not have to compromise their identity to provide information on both petty and serious crimes. Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers encourages students to be responsible citizens and take action against crime in their school.

TEXT-A-TIP

Students may text a tip to Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers. To send a text message, tipsters are instructed to **text "TIP117 plus their message" to CRIMES (274637)**. The tip goes directly to the company that designed the system specifically for Crime Stoppers programs. The company removes the cell phone number of the tipster and forwards the message to Crime Stoppers. The tipster gets an instant message with their randomly assigned tip number. It all happens in a matter of seconds. Tips are passed on to the coordinator of the school for investigation. Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a total of **52** text message tips in this school year.

ANONYMOUS LIVE WEB CHAT

In September 2009, Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers added an anonymous live web chat feature as another tool for soliciting tips on Tarrant County crimes. The software, available through Fort Worth-based Nexus Systems, allows tipsters to engage in a two-way communication system, similar to online instant messaging. Tipsters may initiate a live chat by going to the Crime Stoppers homepage at www.469tips.com and clicking on “Chat.” The live web chat feature allows tipsters to provide new tip information, check on old tip information, or ask general questions about the program in real time. Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a total of **3** live web chat tips in this school year.

THE GUN & GANG BUSTERS PROGRAM

The specialized program facilitated through Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers is Gun & Gang Busters, which aims at breaking down a code of silence that often exists among gangs and people who witness gang-related or gun-related crimes. In addition to the traditional Crime Stoppers money rewarded for a particular crime, Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers will add a bonus reward of up to \$250 for tip information leading to an arrest(s) in gun and/or gang-related crimes in Tarrant County. Examples *include but are not limited to* aggravated offenses involving a gun, drug offenses involving a gang member(s), gang graffiti and criminal mischief, and coercing, soliciting, or inducing gang membership. Only tips that are received through the Crime Stoppers are eligible for the reward. During the 2010-2011 school year, a total of **6** bonus rewards were provided for campus-related tips involving guns and/or gangs.

THE FRIENDS FOR LIFE PROGRAM

The Campus Crime Stoppers Friends for Life Program began as a partnership with the Fort Worth ISD “It’s Not Okay” campaign during the 2010-2011 school year. The campaign encourages students to make healthy decisions and ask for help when they or their friends are in need. The tagline of this campaign is “It’s Okay to Help a Friend.” The Campus Crime Stoppers Friends for Life Program focuses on behaviors and issues that can place the student and others at risk and serves as a resource for students who want to report fellow students who are victims of bullying, cyber bullying, sexting, dating or family violence, gang activity, sexual harassment, or has suicidal tendencies. The program is available to all school districts in Tarrant County currently served by the Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers program and served Fort Worth ISD and Mansfield ISD this school year. Campus Crime Stoppers Friends for Life received a total of **11** tips and paid **6** rewards in this school year.

CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS STATISTICS BY ISD

Arlington ISD – In the Arlington Independent School District, **55%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Martin High School](#) with **21** tips resulting in **4** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined, **5** cases cleared, and **\$30** in drugs seized; **5** rewards valued at **\$150** were paid. The most active middle school was [Bailey Junior High School](#) with **8** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **5** students administratively disciplined, **9** cases cleared, and **\$30** in drugs seized; **5** rewards valued at **\$350** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
73	20	12	30	\$120	\$457	1	24	\$1,560

Azle ISD – In the Azle Independent School District, **66%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Azle High School](#) with **3** tips resulting in **2** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined and **3** cases cleared; **3** rewards valued at **\$145** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
4	2	1	3	\$0	\$0	0	3	\$145

Birdville ISD – In the Birdville Independent School District, **83%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school in the district was [Richland High School](#) with **24** tips resulting in **5** arrests, **5** students administratively disciplined, **13** cases cleared, **\$355** in drugs seized, and **\$225** in recovered property; **9** rewards valued at **\$1,120** were paid. The most active middle school was [North Richland Middle School](#) with **32** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **6** students administratively disciplined, **11** cases cleared, and **\$20** in drugs seized; **6** rewards valued at **\$265** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
99	11	14	30	\$655	\$285	2	20	\$1,935

Carroll ISD – In the Carroll Independent School District, **33%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Carroll High School](#) with **5** tips resulting in **1** arrest, **1** case cleared, and **\$599** in recovered property; **1** reward valued at **\$50** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
8	1	0	1	\$0	\$599	0	1	\$50

Castleberry ISD – No data is available for the Castleberry Independent School District.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

Crowley ISD – In the Crowley Independent School District, **92%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **Crowley 9th Grade Campus** with **9** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined, **6** cases cleared, and **\$20** in drugs seized; **4** rewards valued at **\$425** were paid. The most active middle school was **H.F. Stevens Middle School** with **20** tips resulting in **4** arrests, **6** students administratively disciplined, **10** cases cleared, and **\$5** in drugs seized; **8** rewards valued at **\$235** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
81	15	22	39	\$75	\$30	1	29	\$1,385

Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD – In the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District, **75%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **Saginaw High School** with **51** tips resulting in **6** arrests, **14** students administratively disciplined, and **20** cases cleared; **13** rewards valued at **\$385** were paid. The most active middle school was **Wayside Middle School** with **4** tips resulting in **2** arrests, **3** students administratively disciplined, **5** cases cleared, and **\$10** in drugs seized; **4** rewards valued at **\$300** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
86	10	30	39	\$10	\$0	0	27	\$1,140

Everman ISD – In the Everman Independent School District, **25%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was **Everman Junior High School** with **12** tips resulting in **3** students administratively disciplined, and **3** cases cleared; **2** rewards valued at **\$50** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
10	1	2	3	\$22	\$0	0	2	\$170

Fort Worth ISD – In the Fort Worth Independent School District, **57%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **O.D. Wyatt High School** with **20** tips resulting in **15** arrests, **4** students administratively disciplined, **18** cases cleared, **\$40** in drugs seized, and **\$1,110** in recovered property; **13** rewards valued at **\$850** were paid. The most active middle school was **Applied Learning Academy** with **6** tips resulting in **1** arrest, **5** students administratively disciplined, and **6** cases cleared; **3** rewards valued at **\$125** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
120	38	17	55	\$169	\$1,180	0	43	\$3,060

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD – In the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, **75%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was **Colleyville Heritage High School** with **35** tips resulting in **9** arrests, **12** cases cleared, **\$140** in drugs seized, and **\$16** in recovered property; **7** rewards valued at **\$650** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
44	10	1	14	\$181	\$96	1	9	\$850

Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD – In the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District, **63%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **L.D. Bell High School** with **4** tips resulting in **1** arrest, **1** case cleared, and **\$200** in recovered property; **1** reward valued at **\$25** were paid. The most active middle school was **Harwood Junior High School** with **7** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **5** students administratively disciplined, **6** cases cleared, **\$5** in drugs seized, and **\$800** in recovered property; **6** rewards valued at **\$400** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
19	6	7	11	\$5	\$1,000	0	11	\$750

Keller ISD – In the Keller Independent School District, **47%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **Fossil Ridge High School** with **26** tips resulting in **7** arrests, **3** students administratively disciplined, **10** cases cleared, and **\$2,303** in drugs seized; **9** rewards valued at **\$665** were paid. The most active middle was **Fossil Hill Middle School** with **16** tips resulting in **4** arrests, **2** students administratively disciplined, and **6** cases cleared; **4** rewards valued at **\$100** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
65	15	8	24	\$2,375	\$0	0	20	\$1,235

Kennedale ISD – No data is available for the Kennedale Independent School District.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
2	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

Lake Worth ISD – In the Lake Worth Independent School District, **25%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Lucyle Collins Middle School](#) with **1** tip resulting in **1** student administratively disciplined and **1** case cleared; **1** reward valued at **\$25** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
1	0	1	1	\$0	\$0	0	1	\$25

Mansfield ISD – In the Mansfield Independent School District, **39%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Summit High School](#) with **8** tips resulting in **5** arrests, **3** cases cleared, **\$85** in drugs seized, and **\$9,245** in recovered property; **4** rewards valued at **\$450** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
33	11	0	8	\$85	\$9,245	1	9	\$600

White Settlement ISD – In the White Settlement Independent School District, **80%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Brewer High School](#) with **14** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **3** students administratively disciplined, **6** cases cleared, **\$5** in drugs seized, **\$1,220** in recovered property, and **1** weapon seized; **6** rewards valued at **\$470** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
19	6	3	9	\$25	\$1,220	1	9	\$695

SUCCESS STORIES

Tip Spoils Student’s Terroristic Threat – Saginaw High School

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip that a student made a bomb threat at 12:40pm in a classroom. The tipster advised that the student said they were “done with this school and it is going down.” The school officer was contacted and the suspect was arrested for Terroristic Threat. The officer advised that this student has a history of making threats. The tipster received \$50 for this information.

Preliminary Friends for Life Tips Helps to Save a Student's Life – Carter Riverside High School

On Saturday, January 22, 2011, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a Friends for Life web tip concerning a Carter Riverside High School freshman who was posting comments about wanting to kill herself on Facebook and changed her profile picture to a silhouetted student hanging by a noose in the school hallway. The tip stated that several concerned friends commented on the student's Facebook posting and based on the tip narrative, it was determined that the tipster who reported this information was a friend of the student. The FWISD interventionist at that school was notified about the tip and shortly followed with a response that indicated that the tip was real, the student is getting emergency services and counseling before she will be able to attend school again, and the parents were notified. The tipster received the Campus Crime Stoppers Friends for Life reward for the good, and very timely, information provided.

Tip Leads to Bong Made Out of a Gatorade Bottle – Hillwood Middle School

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip about a student who had marijuana in his shorts and talked about it on the bus. The student was brought into the office and his backpack was searched. Inside the bag was a bong made from a plastic Gatorade bottle with a hole in the top and a hole in the side, which had been taped up with foil. The student was also in possession of three lighters and a White Cat Cigarillo wrapper containing marijuana. The student was arrested for Possession of Marijuana. The tipster received \$75 for the tip information.

Student Busted with Wad of Cash and Drugs Thanks to Tip – OD Wyatt High School

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip on a student how had taken some pills and was carrying a large wad of cash. The student was searched and was found to have five pills, which were Acetaminophen and hydrocodone, along with \$1,110 in cash. The student was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and the cash was seized. In addition to the regular Crime Stoppers reward, the tipster received a Gun & Gang Busters bonus reward since the suspect claimed to belong to a gang. The tipster received \$200 in total for this tip information

Mansfield Friends for Life Tip Leads to Suicidal Student – Timberview High School

On March 17, 2011, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers hotline received a tip involving a freshman at Timberview High School in Mansfield ISD. The tipster reported that a fellow student had been doing drugs lately. The student had been smoking cigarettes, smoking marijuana, taking Xanax, and snorting cocaine. The tipster reported that the student was suffering from depression and her parents were going through a divorce. The tipster received the Campus Crime Stoppers Friends for Life reward for the information on the suicidal student.

Students Caught Skipping in Saginaw Due to Tips – Saginaw High School

Word spread around Saginaw High School that students will get caught skipping school thanks to Crime Stoppers tips. During the last semester of school, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received over 15 tips involving truancy and skipping, leading to 8 students receiving disciplinary action.

Friends for Life Tip Alerts to Incidence of Family Violence – Eastern Hills High School

On March 24, 2011, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a Friends for Life tip involving a 17 year old female at Eastern Hills High School who was being abused by her mother. The tip was sent to the Campus Crime Stoppers Fort Worth Police Department contact and the FWISD interventionist assigned to the school. The FWISD interventionist filed a case with CPS. The FWPD officer said the victim was interviewed and she stated that her mom hits her quite a bit when she's drunk and often kicks her out of the house. The tipster received the Campus Crime Stoppers Friends for Life reward for the information on the abused student.

Timely Tip Leads Authorities to GUN – Bowie High School

On April 18, 2011, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip involving Bowie students in possession of a weapon in a backpack. Authorities were immediately notified of the physical description of one of the students and, with that description, they were able to locate the student at the end of the front porch with the backpack on his shoulder. The student noticed the authorities approaching so he passed the backpack to another student. Both students were searched. A .380 pistol with an empty clip was removed from the backpack and 4 bullets for the .380 pistol were removed from one of the student's left tennis shoe. Both students were arrested. The tipster received \$250 from Campus Crime Stoppers and an additional \$250 Gun & Gang Busters bonus reward for the tip information.

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For more information on Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers, contact 817-469-8477.